

**REMARKS**

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action of November 22, 2004, are earnestly solicited.

By this amendment, Claims 3 and 4 have been canceled and Claims 11, 18 and 19 have been amended, leaving Claims 2, 5—9, 11—12 and 15—20 pending in the application.

The track being disposed partially in the floor has been canceled from Claim 11. Therefore, the objection to the drawing is believed overcome, and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The rejections of Claims 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) are believed mooted by the cancelation of Claims 3 and 4.

Claims 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Uno et al. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 18 and 19 have been amended to depend from allowable Claim 2 thereby rendering them in condition for allowance.

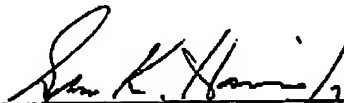
Claims 11—12 and 18—20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Pone et al. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 11 has been amended to call for at least one track disposed generally laterally in the vehicle, thereby patentably distinguishing Claim 11 and its dependent Claim 12 over the art of record. Claims 18—20 now depend directly or indirectly from allowable Claim 2. Therefore, Claims 11—12 and 18—20 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 11, 18 and 19, as amended herein, and Claims 2, 5—9, 12 and 15—17 originally or previously submitted, are believed to be in condition for allowance, early acknowledgment of which is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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